

WHITE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
MAY 10, 2005

A special meeting of the White County Board begun and holden this 10th day of May 2005 in the Courtroom of the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi.

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk Dozier called the roll with Nelson, Ray, Mitchell, Trout and Wooten all present.

Chairman Wooten asked the Board if they had received copies of the minutes of the previous meeting and were there any additions, changes or deletions. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be waived and that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as proposed in writing. Motion seconded by Ray. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the Board had received a copy of the current bills and asked for their approval. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to pay all current bills, seconded by Trout. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that he had received a copy of the financial audit of the Regional Superintendent of Schools for review of the Board.

Chairman Wooten stated that Lisa Michels, Director of the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission has resigned because she will be moving to Indiana. Ms. Brandi Stennett has accepted the position as Acting Executive Director.

Chairman Wooten stated that he had received a letter from the Illinois Codification Services on legislative updates and a sample resolution, which would allow this service to come into White County and codify all the ordinances passed by the Board.

Chairman Wooten stated that he had received communication from the Shawnee Resource and Conservation District and Development Area Inc. The letter was asking for their annual contribution of \$50.00, which is in the current budget and will be paid and then approved with the bills at next month's meeting. Chairman Wooten stated that Mr. Ron Hargrave of Crossville was currently the Council Representative from White County.

Mr. Roger Heckler, Acting Director of the White County Ambulance Service stated that he had submitted his report to the Board and his committee.

Mr. Doug Maier, White County Sheriff stated he had turned over \$127,194.93 in prisoner keep, work release and inmate telephone commission to the Treasurer. Sheriff Maier stated that there was 107 prisoners being housed in the jail. Sheriff Maier stated that the County would owe the City of Carmi around \$18,941.01 this month. Sheriff Maier stated that the month of April was very busy, his department responded to 326 calls with several criminal arrests. Sheriff Maier stated that his department had participated in seven special drug details which cost \$1,053.00 in overtime but it netted 12 people being arrested with 43 separate charges and yielded 416 grams of meth and 18.5 grams of cannabis. Sheriff Maier also noted that the medical expense at the jail was back around \$5,000.00 in expenditures since receiving reimbursement from Vanderburgh County. The amount last month had exceeded \$28,000.00 prior to the reimbursement.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next 9-1-1 meeting would be held on May 16, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.

Chairman Wooten informed the Board that the budget committee met at 6:00 p.m. The financial picture had improved slightly from the month of March. The county revenue exceeds the expenditures in the month of April by \$60,846.00. The State is still lagging behind in revenues. Chairman Wooten stated he would like to commend the elected officials, all were remaining within their budgets and being very frugal with the county's money. Chairman Wooten stated that White County had some surplus funds, which has allowed the County to continue to operate while other counties in the surrounding area are struggling.

Mr. Mike Ray stated that he had received a thank you note from the Norris City Senior Citizens thanking the Board for their donation. Chairman Wooten stated he had received a thank you from the Carmi/White County Senior Citizens also.

Mrs. Denise Burnett, White County Treasurer asked the Board's permission to hold a scavenger sale. Mrs. Burnett explained that her office is required to hold a scavenger sale every two years. The property's included in a scavenger sale must have two years of forfeited tax and did not sell at the regular annual tax sale. Mrs. Burnett explained that at a scavenger sale the person must bid half of the tax amount rather than an interest rate. Mrs. Burnett stated that once she had the Board's approval to hold the sale, she would advertise the date and time of the sale along with the parcels to be sold. Mrs. Burnett submitted the following resolution for approval by the Board.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DENISE BURNETT, COUNTY TREASURER
AND COLLECTOR OF THE COUNTY OF WHITE, STATE OF ILLINOIS
TO APPLY FOR FORECLOSURE OF UNPAID GENERAL TAXES

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the County Board that there are numerous tracts of lands and lots within the limits of the County of White, State of Illinois on which all or part of the general taxes for two or more years are delinquent; and

WHEREAS, 35ILCS 200/21-145 authorized the sale of such properties at public venue to the highest bidder for cash; and

WHEREAS, the continued loss of revenues to the County of White, State of Illinois and other municipal units of said County are injurious to the public interest;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of White County, Illinois, as follows:

1. That Denise Burnett, County Treasurer and Collector of the County of White, State of Illinois, shall make application for the sale of lands, Tracts and lots in White County, Illinois for which the taxes have been delinquent for two years or more.
2. That Notice of this application shall be made as provided for in 35ILCS 200/21-145.
3. That upon receiving Judgement against such lands, tracts and lots, that all such property shall be sold at public venue to the highest bidder for cash.
4. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED by the County Board of the County of White, State of Illinois,

This 10th day of May 2005.

ELECTED MEMBERS: FIVE

WAYNE NELSON: AYE

MICHAEL RAY: AYE

RON WOOTEN: AYE

WES TROUT: AYE

NANCY MITCHELL: AYE

APPROVED by the Chairman of the County Board of the County of White,

State of Illinois, this 10th day of May, 2005.

RON WOOTEN
COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN
WHITE COUNTY ILLINOIS

ATTEST:

PAULA DOZIER
WHITE COUNTY CLERK
WHITE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Mr. Ray made a motion to adopt the resolution allowing the Treasurer to conduct a scavenger sale, seconded by Nelson. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Clerk Dozier presented the following resolution for consideration of the Board:

Resolution 05-10-05

Establishing Uniform Real Estate Transfer Tax

WHEREAS, pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/5-1031, the County Board has previously imposed a tax on the privilege of transferring title to real estate situated in White County for all transfers on which the county also collects a transfer tax for the State of Illinois pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/31-10; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 93-657 became effective June 1, 2004 and made certain changes in the Real Estate Transfer Tax authorized under the Illinois Revenue Code (35 ILCS 200/31-10) to impose such tax on the privilege of transferring a controlling interest in a real estate entity owning property located in Illinois, including a lessee's interest in certain ground leases; and

WHEREAS, said Public Act 93-657 failed to authorize counties to collect the transfer tax on such transfers of controlling interest, thereby inadvertently creating an inconsistency in the manner in which transfer taxes may be imposed by the state and the county respectively; and

WHEREAS, in order to rectify this inconsistency, Public Act 93-1099 will become effective June 1, 2005, authorizing counties to also impose a tax on the transfer of a controlling interest in a real estate entity owning property located in Illinois, including a lessee's interest in certain ground leases; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has determined it is appropriate and beneficial for the effective administration of the transfer tax that there be a uniform application of such tax imposed by the county and the state respectively.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of White County that effective June 1, 2005 and pursuant to Public Act 93-1099 and 55 ILCS 5/5-1031, there is hereby imposed a tax on the privilege of transferring a controlling interest in a real estate entity owning property located in White County, including a lessee's interest in certain ground leases, in the amount of \$.25 per \$500 consideration or fraction of \$500 value declared in the real estate transfer declaration required by 35 ILCS 200/31-25, such tax to be in addition to any and all transfer tax currently authorized for collection by the county.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of White County this 10th day of May, 2005.

Ron Wooten, White County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Paula Dozier, White County Clerk

Clerk Dozier explained that a couple of years ago the State of Illinois passed legislation that required the sale of revenue stamps on the transfer of a beneficial interest in real estate. The legislation did not include the County being able to collect any revenues from that transfer. This resolution simply cleans up legislation and allows White County to collect revenue from those

transfers. The amount will be .25 cents per \$500.00 in transfer tax which is identical to every other real estate transfer. Mr. Nelson. Mitchell made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Trout. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten asked the Board to consider the resolution re-appointing James P. Taylor to the Board of Review. Chairman Wooten explained that the Board of Review is comprised of one Democrat and two Republicans. Mr. Taylor, Harold Stahl and myself are currently the members on that Board. Chairman Wooten explained that each member has to be qualified by taking the basic assessment course and passing the test.

**RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT TO
THE BOARD OF REVIEW**

WHEREAS, the County of White, State of Illinois, is a county under township organization having a population of less than one million, and;

WHEREAS, 35 ILCS 200/6-5 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes requires a county under township organization with a population of less than one million to appoint a Board of Review, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of White County, State of Illinois that James P. Taylor be appointed to the Board of Review for a term beginning June 1, 2005 and ending May 30, 2007.

ADOPTED this 10^H day of May, 2005

MEMBERS ELECTED: 5

MEMBERS PRESENT: 5

NANCY MITCHELL: Aye

RON WOOTEN: Aye

WAYNE NELSON: Aye

WES TROUT : Aye

MIKE RAY: Aye

APPROVED this 10^h day of May, 2005.

Ron Wooten, Chairman
White County Board

ATTEST:

Paula Dozier, White County Clerk

Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to re-appoint Jim Taylor to a two-year term on the Board of Review, seconded by Trout. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten asked the Board to declare the following vehicles excess equipment:

1992 Chevrolet Caprice	1G1BL5371NW138553
1996 Ford Crown Victoria	2FALP71W2TX111598
1998 For Crown Victoria	2FAFP71WOWX154418

Chairman Wooten and Sheriff Maier explained that the Sheriff would be advertising for sealed bids on the excess vehicles and the four seized vehicles.

Mr. Jack Bosaw, County Engineer presented a construction engineering agreement on Section 05-00098-00-RS, which would resurface a part of the Herald Road. Mr. Ray made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Nelson. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Bosaw presented a construction engineering agreement on Section 98-05115-00-BR, which would construct the Hanks Ferry Bridge. Mr. Bosaw stated that this agreement was actually a corrected agreement. Mr. Trout made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Mitchell. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Bosaw, presented a construction engineering agreement on Section 84-00059-00-BR which the construction of the Skillet Fork Bridge. Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Mithcell. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote. Mr. Ray asked Mr. Bosaw if the bid letting on the double bridges in Indian Creek Township would be this week and Mr. Bosaw replied that it would be held on May 17, 2005.

Chairman Wooten informed the Board that the next meeting would be held on Monday, June 13, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

Mrs Mitchell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Nelson. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.